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1. GENERAL SECURITY MEASURES AT MUNICH'S RIEM AIRPORT HAVE BEEN
HARDENED IN RESPONSE TO RECENT TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN FRG. ALL
DEPARTING PASSENGERS ARE RESTRICTED TO ONE RPT ONE CARRY-ON
BAG; ARE SUBJECT TO THOROUGH BODY SEARCH AS WELL AS NORMAL
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ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE; AND MUST IDENTIFY BAGGAGE AT PLANE-
SIDE BEFORE EITHER BAGGAGE OR PASSENGER MAY BE BOARDED. THESE
PROCEDURES ARE CAUSING DEPARTURE DELAYS OF FROM 10 TO 45
MINUTES.

2. INCOMING PASSENGERS ARE BEING ROUTED THROUGH THE CUSTOMS
AREA AND LUGGAGE AND BODY SEARCHES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

THIS APPLIES TO DOMESTIC AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS. SINCE RELATIVELY FEW PASSENGERS MAKE ONWARD CONNECTIONS IN MUNICH, THIS IS NOT CAUSING MUCH HARDSHIP. INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT PASSENGERS, HOWEVER, ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO VERY CAREFUL SCREENING AND CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE. NEW ELECTRONIC DETECTION EQUIPMENT AND CUSTOMS POSTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT EACH GATE WHERE INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS ENTER THE TERMINAL AREA, AND ALL RPT ALL INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS TRANSITING MUNICH ARE GIVEN COMPLETE BODY AND HAND BAGGAGE SEARCH.

3. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TRANSITING MUNICH NO LONGER HAVE TO DISEMBARK ALL PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE FOR SCREENING. HOWEVER, ANY PASSENGER WHO DEPARTS AIRCRAFT WILL BE CHECKED.

4. ALL PASSENGERS DEPARTING MUNICH VIA PRIVATE AIRCRAFT ARE BEING SUBJECT TO SAME SCREENING PROCEDURES AS REGULAR PASSENGERS. SAME IS TRUE OF CHARTER FLIGHTS. INCOMING CHARTER AND PRIVATE FLIGHTS ARE ALSO GIVEN CAREFUL INSPECTION ON ARRIVAL.

5. OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT TRAVELLERS USING MUNICH AIRPORT SHOULD EXPECT TO BE SCREENED. THOSE ARRIVING VIA USG AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE SCREENED IF PRIOR REQUEST TO THAT EFFECT MADE TO AIRPORT AUTHORITY 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE. THIS ALSO APPLIES IN CASE OF TECHNICAL LANDING AND ANYONE DEPARTING AIRCRAFT SHOULD EXPECT TO BE SEARCHED.

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6. NON-TICKETED PERSONS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN GATE AREAS. ALSO, PASSENGERS OF VARIOUS FLIGHTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO INTERMINGLE AFTER REACHING GATE AREA.

7. NO ONE IS ALLOWED ON APRON OR FIELD WITHOUT PROPER IDENTIFICATION. NON-AIRPORT EMPLOYEES ARE ALLOWED ON FIELD ONLY UNDER ESCORT.

8. ALL AIR CARGO ORIGINATING IN MUNICH IS IMPOUNDED FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, EXCEPTIONS ARE SAME AS NOTED IN REFTTEL PARA 5. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO CARGO TRANSITING MUNICH. AN ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION TO 24 HOUR RULE IS MADE IN CASE OF DIPLOMATIC POUCHES, PROVIDED THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INVOLVED.

9. COMMENT: PASSENGER BOARDING DELAYS HAVE RESULTED IN PAN AM'S BEING FORCED TO CANCEL ABOUT ONE FLIGHT PER DAY ON ITS BERLIN SERVICE. THIS IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AS LONG AS CURRENT SECURITY PROCEDURES REMAIN IN EFFECT. DELAY IN PROCESSING AIR CARGO HAS RESULTED IN DECLINE IN VOLUME TO BERLIN, SINCE TRAVEL BY TRUCK CAN USUALLY BE ACCOMPLISHED FROM MUNICH IN 24 HOURS. PAN AM EXPECTS DIVERSION TO TRUCK FOR BERLIN CARGO TO CONTINUE,

AND PERHAPS GROW, SO LONG AS 24 HOUR RULE IS IN EFFECT. NO
CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL CARGO VOLUME HAS BEEN NOTED.
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